

STF-43 TALL FESCUE BLEND

Key Features

STF-43 is a premium blend of late maturing, endophyte free, soft leaf fescues. STF-43 is great for grazing and haylage applications, due to its soft leaf structure. This blend is very palatable and has impressive yields with high levels of digestible fiber. This increases both intake and soluble fibers for digestibility and energy.

History and Development

This blend is the result of Barenbrug's forage analysis program that measures NDF (neutral detergent fiber) and NDFd (NDF digestibility). Barenbrug identified significant differences in the amount of fiber and its digestibility between varieties and formulated STF-43 with the highest amounts of digestible fiber.

Management Keys

Recommend seeding STF-43 with legumes and is excellent with alfalfa. There are a few applications STF-43 suited for such as haylage, silage, and grazing. When used as a companion grass with alfalfa the first harvest in the spring of each year should be when STF-33 is in the boot stage to early heading. This will maintain a higher quality first crop hay. After the first cutting subsequent forage harvests should be scheduled with the maturity of the alfalfa. After the initial harvest the tall fescue will not develop a seed head, this allows for a longer harvest window.



Seeding Rate

- ▶ 25-30 lbs/acre.
- ▶ 3-5 lbs/acre with alfalfa.

Planting Time

Spring or fall

Seeding Depth

1/4" into the seedbed.

